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Attached, for your retention, are three reports on the so-called Paulus Army and the political indoctrination of PWs at Knosvod. Although the existence of a "Paulus Army" is questionable, it is believed that this material may nevertheless be of some interest to you.

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25X1 2. [redacted] the PAULUS Army consists of 100,000 men who are garrisoned along the Baltic coast. There is no entirely German unit, as each formation down to company level contains a certain percentage of Russians and Balts. The most important outfit in the PAULUS Army consists of 1500 trained crews for fighter and reconnaissance planes with the necessary ground crews.

3. Most of the German General and Staff officers serving with this army have no pronounced political views. The only one who collaborates whole-heartedly with the Russians is von PAULUS himself.

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1.

[redacted] the former German Colonel General Schoerner plays a considerable role in the Soviet Army. The Soviets have denied that General Schoerner is in Russia, but [redacted] a lecture by Schoerner on the theme "Toward What is the German Soldier Marching?" in training camp VI near Melitopol. [redacted] in his lecture Schoerner expressed the thought that only a Communist Germany could ever be a free Germany and that the ideology of National Socialism is no longer different from that of Communism, since Stalin has realized the necessity of preserving the nationalistic idea in all liberated countries.

2.

[redacted] Schoerner's role in the Soviet Army is known to most PWs and is definitely known to all members of the League of German Officers. [redacted] various individuals [redacted] clearly recognized Schoerner and [redacted] have seen Schoerner personally in a special train in the main Minsk railroad station. On this occasion, Schoerner was wearing a dark blue or black uniform blouse without insignia and a German infantry cap of the same color adorned with gold braid.

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1. Eighteen kilometers from Moscow in and around the industrial area of Knosvod, the principle employers of labor are the textile factories, employing some 30,000, and the Zeiss Works, formerly of Jena, which employ about 20,000 persons.
2. From among the industrial workers and from the prison camps in the area, the Soviets solicit volunteer students for a political indoctrination school also located in Knosvod and referred to as "Block 111". To entice volunteers, students attending the school's seven-month course receive category three rations, i.e. rations equivalent to those of a non-commissioned officer. That improved fare attracts large numbers of indoctrinees was borne out by an enrollment of 700 the second time the course was given. Racially, students at "Block 111" are almost exclusively former PW's, Volksdeutschen, and members of German minorities from southeastern Europe.
3. Of the course itself, [redacted] a brief period of general political indoctrination is followed by more lengthy special training to prepare students for the assumption of political duties.
4. The school is managed by two separate and distinct staffs, one headed by former German General Graf von Waldersee, and the other by a certain Commissar Max Rubinstein [redacted] Waldersee's staff of eleven to thirteen former German officers has no connection with the actual courses given at the school, but serves [redacted] merely as a front. Three officers in this staff are:
 - a. Tank Corps 1st Lt. Hermann Waldrich
 - b. Flak Major Friedrich Buchweit
 - c. 1st Lt. Xaver Capesius [redacted]

The real management of the school is conducted by Rubinstein and

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25X1 and his staff of twelve commissars. Of these twelve
25X1 [redacted] names of only two: [redacted]

- 25X1 (1) Ignaz Moosbrett, formerly of Lemberg
25X1 (2) Samuel Grünfelder, formerly of Vienna.

- 25X1 5. General Vladimir Popov, with offices in Moscow, is the Soviet
25X1 officer in charge of all PW, Volksdeutsche, labor, and punish-
ment camps in Knosvod and vicinity [redacted]
Incidentally, Popov's secretary is the wife of Commissar
Rubinstein of the preceding paragraph.

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